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Attorney Docket No.: NIKOP064/PA0647

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR A PCT INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION ENTERING THE NATIONAL STAGE IN THE U.S. AS A DESIGNATED or ELECTED OFFICE UNDER 35 USC 371

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Transmitted herewith are the papers required to enter the national stage in the U.S. as a designated office/elected office for the following PCT international patent application:

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NUMBER: PCT/US2004/037542**Int'l Filing Date: November 10, 2004****1st Priority Date: November 10, 2003**

**Inventor(s): Alton Hugh Phillips, Michael R. Sogard, Douglas C. Watson, and
 Keiichi Tanaka**

**For: THERMOPHORETIC TECHNIQUES FOR PROTECTING RETICLES FROM
 CONTAMINANTS**

☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f))

The United States Patent Office is: (select one)

☒ A Designated Office (No Demand was filed - See 37 CFR 1.494)

☐ An Elected Office (A Demand for Preliminary Examination was Filed - See 37 CFR 1.495)

Enclosures:

☒ A copy of the international application (if this line is not checked, the international application was previously communicated by the International Bureau or the international application was originally filed in the U.S. PTO).

☐ An English Translation of the International Application

☒ A Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney

☐ A copy of amendments made under PCT Article 19

☐ A translation of amendments made under PCT Article 19

☐ A copy of the amendments made under PCT Article 34 (annexes to the international preliminary examination report)

☐ A translation of amendments made under PCT Article 34 (annexes to the international preliminary examination report)

☒ Information Disclosure Statement with Form 1449 and cited references

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- ☒ An Assignment of the Invention to: **Nikon Corporation**
(with \$40.00 recordal fee)
- ☒ A Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ A copy of the International Search Report
- ☒ A copy of the Preliminary Examination Report
- ☐ A Substitute Specification ☒ Marked up copy of Substitute Specification

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Fee Calculation:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Basic National Stage Fee | \$300.00 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | National Stage Search Fee | \$500.00 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | National Stage Examination Fee | \$200.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Surcharge for filing a late oath or declaration or late translation (\$130/65) | \$ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Assignment recordation fee (\$40) | \$ 40.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Multiple dependent claims (\$360/180) | \$ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Excess claims - see calculation below | \$ |
| Total Claims: 44 - 20 = 24 X \$50/25 claim = \$1,200 | | |
| Independent Claims: 7 - 3 = 4 X \$200/100 ind. claim = \$ 800 | | |
| Excess Claim Total | | \$2,000 |
| TOTAL FEES | | <u>\$3,040</u> |

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